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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Medical Services

ATTENTION:

FROM:

Deputy Director of Security
Policy and Management

SUBJECT: PATB Testing

1. I have been Chairman of our Professional Applicant Review Committee (PARC) in the Office of Security since June 1980, and in this capacity I have the occasion to make frequent continuing use of PATB testing as part of our screening process.

2. I can state without hesitation that senior management in the Office of Security views the PATB assessment as invaluable, and this judgment is based on first hand experience with the system since PARC was established in 1974. The basic PATB evaluation, in summary form, is made available to all members of the Security Professional Sub-Group Panel, and we have come to rely on it as highly useful and very beneficial to our program. In my honest opinion, I find the PATB assessments bordering on essential, and I say without hesitation that it has saved us from making mistakes in the professional hiring process. It very neatly complements and supplements our own interview techniques.

3. As the bottom line, I would argue strongly in support of the PATB assessments on security, suitability, and medical grounds. I think it is especially needed in the 1980's and would hope that everything possible would be done to retain this important and unique screening mechanism.



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